

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

50/25

Boston
North

1585

Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 39 Lincoln Street

Historic Name: McCaffrey House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1870

Source: maps

Style/Form: altered

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

After 1935 – additions to east

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.40 acre

Setting: mixed residential neighborhood

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

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____ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This elongated, clapboarded residence consists of four different side-gabled sections constructed at varying times and extending in an east-west direction facing Lincoln Street, at the northwest corner of Lincoln Terrace. The 1 3/4-story section closest to the street and set at a slight angle would appear to be the oldest section. It is just two bays wide, capped by a gable roof with close eaves with the clapboard sheathing extending to the ground. A simple gable hood supported by plain posts resting on a concrete base shelters the glass-paned door. Adjacent to the entry is a double-hung 6/6 window with shutters. A gable wall dormer is located above the first floor window.

The sections to the east were all added after 1935. Offset to the northeast of the original house is a slightly taller section which is three-bays wide with a recessed entry capped by a fan motif and flanked by fluted pilasters and full sidelights. There are two 6/6 windows to the east, set into molded surrounds and flanked by blinds. Like the previous section, the façade displays a high kneewall area above the first floor openings and there are three gabled wall dormers above the first floor façade openings. Connected to the east end of this section is a modern single-story garage with two overhead doors facing Lincoln Terrace. A single-story modern addition a single bay and resting on a poured concrete foundation is located at the west end, set back slightly from the older section.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The earliest portion of this house appears to date to the late 19th century. There is nothing on this site at the time of the 1853 map. The earliest known owner was Patrick McCaffrey who is shown as the owner on the 1875 map. Patrick McCaffrey was born in Ireland and died in Lexington in 1881. His widow Elizabeth continued to live here until her death in 1906. She is shown as the owner on the 1906 map. The house was later owned and occupied by their son Henry McCaffrey, a house carpenter. Henry's widow, Mary, was still living here in 1942.

The property was sold by James Carrig in 1955 to Mildred Black who owned it until 1972. Later owners included Robert and/or Louise Lunder from 1972 to 1984; Donald and/or Sandra Crocker from 1984 to 1998.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1853, 1875, 1898, 1906 maps
Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
Town Directories.
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